

**Wellesley Public Schools  
School Committee Policy Subcommittee Meeting  
September 18 2020  
Via Zoom**

The Open Session meeting of the School Committee Policy Subcommittee convened at 9:08am. Those present included Chair Linda Chow and member Catherine Mirick. A conference call line was open for any members of the public who wished to attend.

The meeting was recorded and will be available to the public upon request.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No member of the public was present who wished to speak.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Ms. Mirick distributed copies of the draft minutes from the Subcommittee's August 21st, 2020 meeting. Upon a motion by Ms. Mirick, seconded by Ms. Chow, the Subcommittee ***unanimously VOTED*** to approve the minutes as presented.

**POLICY IHBG & IHBG-R - HOMESCHOOLING**

It was discussed that the current policy IHBG had not been updated with most other School Committee policies during 2015 and 2016. The current policy is dated from 1989. WPS administration thought it would be prudent to update the Homeschooling policy at this time because the district is experiencing a surge in families wishing to homeschool their children and the policy should reflect current case law and practice.

Beginning with a draft provided by Cat Lyons, of Lyons & Rogers, LLC the committee worked through small changes to the policy to make it fit for Wellesley. Main topics discussed were assessments, what should be required as a demonstration of student progress and whether that should include standardized testing. The committee also discussed whether homeschooled students should be allowed to participate in curricular and/or extracurricular activities and decided to discuss this item with the full School Committee next week.

The committee also looked at a draft of Policy IHBG-E but determined that policy was mostly informational and did not need to be acted on.

Policies IHBG & IHBG-R will be brought to the school committee next week for comments with a planned vote at the following meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40am.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Mirick

**DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS USED**

SC Policy Minutes 2020-8-21

Policy IHBG (1989)

Draft Policy IHBG

Draft Policy IHBG-R

Draft Policy IHBG-E